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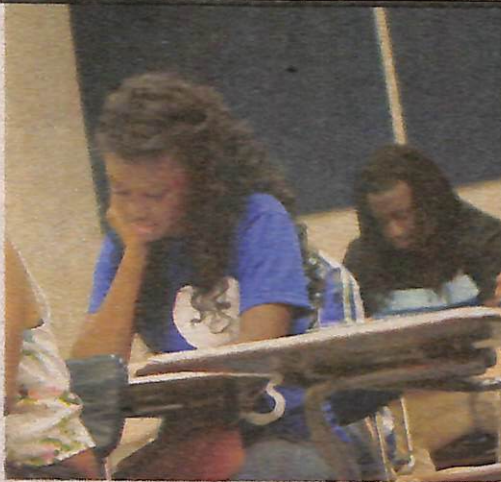
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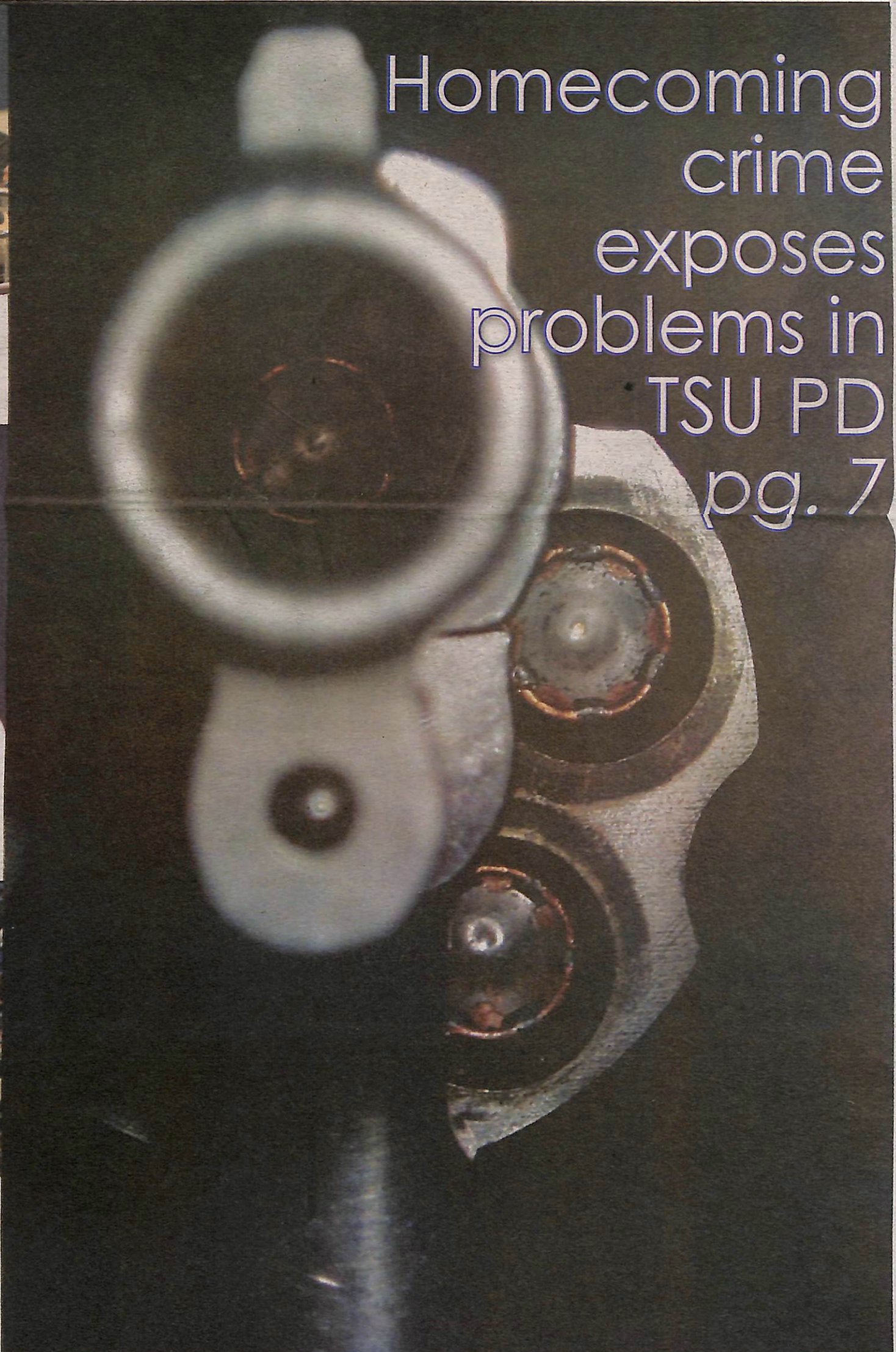
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# SGA to Give Away Annual Scholarships



Photo Credit: Ashley Palmer

Scholarships will be given away during the fall semester. The application process is expected to open soon.

**TAYLOR PAIGE**  
Staff Reporter

Help is here for students who have fallen short on financial aid. Every year, the Student Government Association (SGA) awards \$17,000 to help fill in the holes of student tuition.

Some need money for books and or help to finish paying off balances. This move to offer students scholarships is nothing new for the SGA. Each year,

the SGA is given a budget to fund the group's activities and projects.

How much of that money they give to each student, when they award them and the process for which students will receive them is totally up to SGA. Those bugs are still being worked out under the new administration.

Last year, President Devonte Johnson and his team helped raise \$17,000 to help fund scholarships.

Some students across campus say when the scholarship money

is made available, it will be too little, too late. While they wait on the SGA to work out the kinks, the students in need say they have had to find ways to stay in school because they couldn't get financial aid help.

Sophomore student DeAndrea Garrison expressed her concerns about scholarship funding to the students.

"I was really frustrated at the beginning of this school year because I thought I wasn't going to be able to stay in school. I was short on money for housing and was

struggling to find ways to pay," said Garrison.

She says she remembered her freshman year when the school helped other students stay in

"I remembered hearing around school that the school helped students that had balances and other issues. I was just wondering why they weren't so on top of things and concerned about students this year like they were last year," added Garrison.

"Our ultimate goal is to retain

as many tigers as possible in any efforts that we do for this academic school," said Markeil Lewis, SGA president.

The current SGA director said he is helping his team move along the scholarship funding process.

"SGA is currently in the process to strategize a process to assist students with scholarship money," said Dr. Jame'l Hodges.

The SGA meets every Tuesday evening. A lot of questions on the table regarding the progress and process of the scholarships will be answered then. Other concerns and programs related to students and their needs are also discussed at the weekly meetings. They are open to the public.

They begin at 6 p.m. and are held in the LRC suite 105

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## TOP TEN THINGS WE'RE TALKING ABOUT



DEVIN SANGSTER  
Staff Reporter

**1. HOMECOMING CRIME-** DURING HOMECOMING A NUMBER OF ISOLATED INCIDENTS OCCURRED AROUND AND ON CAMPUS.

**2. FAMU BAND-** THE ABSENCE OF THE MARCHING 100 LEFT VISITORS WONDERING IF THIS HOMECOMING GAME COULD LIVE UP TO THE HYPE. HOWEVER WITH A HOMECOMING WIN AND AN AWESOME PERFORMANCE FROM THE ARISTOCRAT OF BANDS, TSU LEFT THE GAME SAYING FAM-WHO?

**3. ISIS-** THE ISLAMIC STATE OF IRAQ AND SYRIA IS A NEW TERRORIST GROUP IN THE MIDDLE EAST WITH GROWING NUMBERS AND EXTREME ACTS OF VIOLENCE. THE BEHEADINGS OF AMERICAN AND BRITISH CIVILIANS HAVE SPARKED RAGE ACROSS THE NATION, PROMPTING THE U.S INTO ACTION.

**4. SCANDAL'S BACK-** THE BELOVED ABC SHOW SCANDAL IS BACK ON WITH EVEN MORE TWISTS AND TURNS THIS SEASON. THURSDAYS ONCE AGAIN HAVE A PURPOSE NOW THAT OLIVIA POPE IS BACK ON THE SCENE. AND DON'T FORGET TO STAY TUNED TO ABC FOR THE NEW SHAUNDA RHIMES SHOW HOW TO GET AWAY WITH MURDER.

**5. NFL ISSUES-** FROM DOMESTIC ABUSE OCCURRENCES TO ALLEGATIONS OF A POSSIBLE COVER-UP, THE NFL IS FACING MORE NEGATIVE SCRUTINY THAN EVER BEFORE. THE NFL COMMISSIONER RODGER GOODELL IS GOING TO HAVE A ROUGH TIME BRINGING ATTENTION STRICTLY BACK TO FOOTBALL FOR A WHILE.

**6. THE HACKING-** APPLE'S iCloud MAINFRAME WAS HACKED AND ALONG WITH VIABLE INFORMATION, SEVERAL NAKED PICTURES OF CELEBRITIES WERE STOLEN AND BECAME AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC. FROM KIM KARDASHIAN TO MEAGAN GOOD, CELEBRITIES HAVE SPOKEN OUT ALL IN DISGUST THAT THEIR PRIVATE PHOTOS HAVE BEEN STOLEN AND MADE VISIBLE TO EVERYONE.

**7. LEBRON JAMES-** WITH THE NEW NBA SEASON ONLY WEEKS AWAY, THE LEAGUE GETS A WELL-KNOWN PLAYER BACK ON HIS ORIGINAL TEAM. LEBRON JAMES, DURING THE OFF-SEASON, MADE THE MOVE BACK TO HIS HOME STATE OF OHIO TO PLAY FOR THE CLEVELAND CAVILERS. WITH THE ADDITIONS OF KEVIN LOVE, JAMES AND KYRIE IRVING, ANOTHER BIG THREE HAS BEEN FORMED.

**8. EBOLA VIRUS-** A DEADLY VIRUS SPARKED FROM AFRICA HAS MADE ITS WAY TO THE UNITED STATES. A MAN VISITING DALLAS FROM LIBERIA DIED. A HEALTHCARE WORKER TREATING HIM ALSO CONTRACTED THE VIRUS. AND AN NBC PHOTOJOURNALIST WORKING IN LIBERIA WAS ALSO DIAGNOSED WITH THE DEADLY DISEASE. HE IS BEING TREATED IN THE U.S.

**9. MISSOURI SHOOTINGS-** MICHAEL BROWN, A FERGUSON, MO BLACK TEENAGER WAS UNARMED AND SHOT IN THE STREET BY A WHITE POLICE OFFICER NAMED DARREN WILSON. TWO MONTHS LATER, ANOTHER BLACK TEEN IN ST. LOUIS WAS SHOT AND KILLED BY A WHITE OFFICER. BOTH SHOOTERS SPARKED ANGRY PROTESTS. THE CHIEF OF POLICE HAS SINCE APOLOGIZED TO THE BROWN FAMILY.

**10. MIDTERMS-** AS HARD AS IT IS TO BELIEVE, MIDTERMS ARE HERE! TIME TO DUST OFF THE TEXTBOOKS AND MAKE OUR WAY INTO THE LIBRARY.



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# No Class on Friday Next Semester

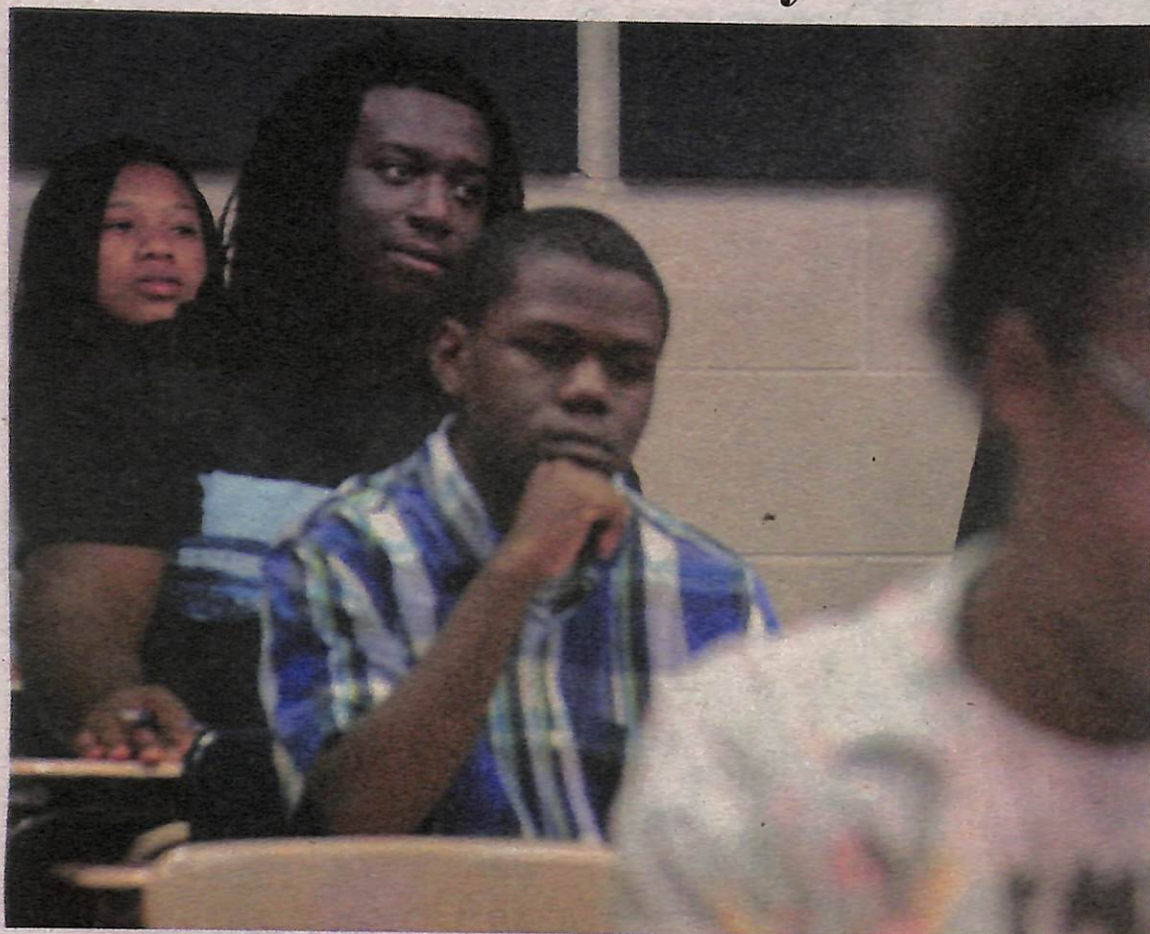


Photo Credit: Courtney Mickens

A shorter class week will mean longer class periods and longer days Mon-Thurs.

BY ASHLEY PALMER  
Staff Reporter

**T**hursday will be the new Friday for students at Tennessee State University next semester. The university is implementing a four-day class schedule for the spring of 2015. That means no more classes on Friday.

The university has been discussing the switch since fall 2013. This semester, a team from the Office of Institutional Research pushed the plans forward.

Department chairs will soon begin planning their spring schedule using the new four-day class schedule.

The switch is designed to give a break in the school week that would allow time for students and faculty to have meetings and to allow time for planning projects.

"We have difficulty any time we want to have a meeting with students, faculty, and staff because most of the classes are spread out through the whole five-day period.

Even if a faculty member wanted to dedicate some time for research, [they] really can't do that because there's no time that they can dedicate for it," said Dr. Mark Hardy, vice president of Academic Affairs.

Hardy said he also believes this will benefit the students, giving them a day to work on projects. Science, tech-

nology, engineering and math (STEM) students would be able to use this day to work in the lab.

A shorter class week will mean, however, longer class meetings. Beginning next semester, classes will start as early

as 7 a.m. and end as late as 9 p.m.

While a shorter work week may sound like good news to some, other students are not happy with the idea of stretching the day.

"It would be hard to maintain doing homework and taking care of other daily routine chores. Also there are times during the day that I just need to relax so I do not get burnt out," says junior nursing student, Briana Buckley.

The four-day class schedule is not to be confused with the four-day work week the university staff and faculty practiced during the summer. Although there will not be classes on Friday, the university will remain open.

Hardy believes that going to the four-day class schedule will make Tennessee State

unique among the other schools also governed by the Tennessee Board of Regents.

"If it does work, I think that we will be a leader in the TBR schools, and we might see others emulate (us)," added Hardy.

The new schedule will be implemented as a permanent schedule while the research team looks at students' grade point averages, attendance, attrition and graduation rate after the spring semester. If the new schedule proves positive, the schedule will remain.

However, if the schedule shows a negative impact, Hardy says the university will return to the regular schedule.

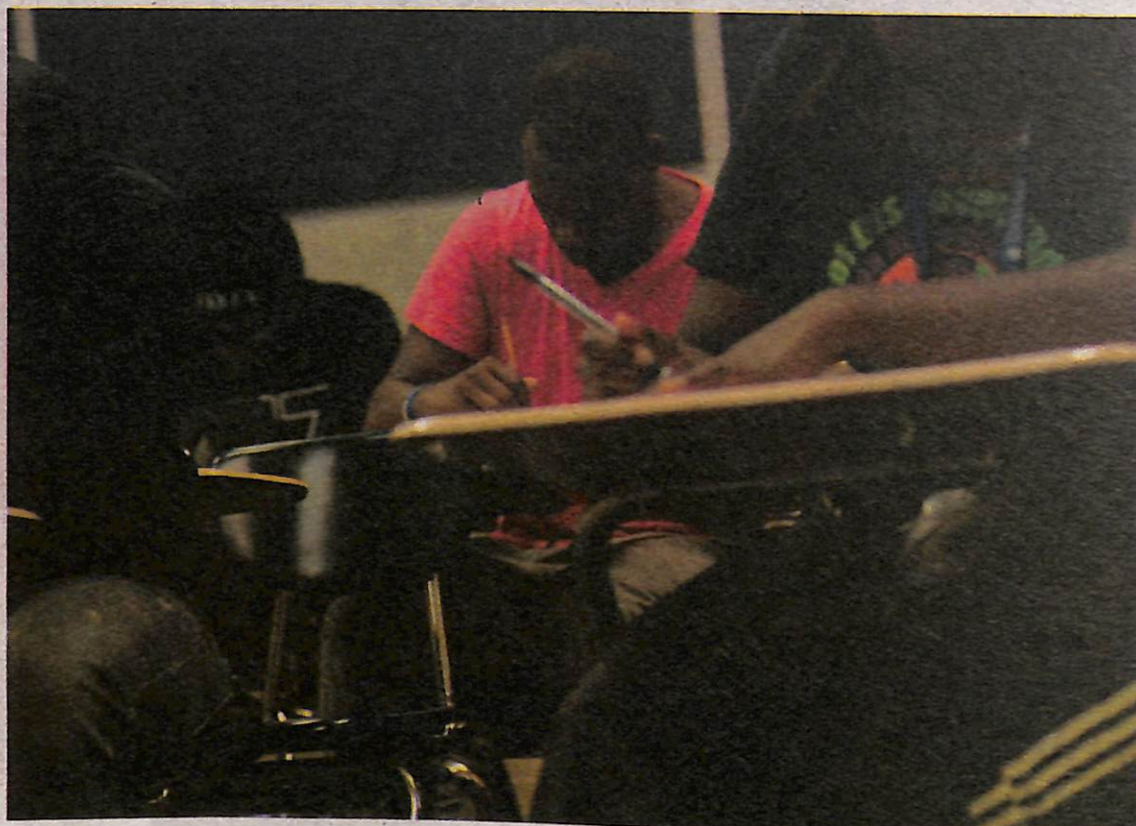


Photo Credit: Ashley Palmer

Although there won't be any classes, the university will remain open.



# Student Profile: Madeleine Sandberg

BY CHANTELL COPELAND  
Social Media Editor

Just a year ago, Madeleine Sandberg was making one of the biggest decisions of her life. Originally from Sweden, Sandberg was given the choice to pick between interning for a public relations company, and studying abroad wherever she wanted to for a semester.

Majoring in media and communications with a minor in English, Sandberg said she heard the southern part of America was a great place. She also wanted to experience a culture which was different from her own in Sweden. All this led her to enroll at Tennessee State University.

Sandberg said she has been to a few different countries, so she wanted to visit

somewhere she had never been.

"I have lived and worked in England, Australia and New Zealand. I felt that the USA would be a new country for me to become familiar. Since I am an international student, I wanted to be exposed to a diverse environment.

I believe TSU is the perfect place for that," said Sandberg.

Even though Sandberg is due to go back to Sweden in December, she is not ready to leave. "I love it here. I have met and made so many great friends and I want to stay. We don't have schools like this back home.

They're very small and don't have places for people to stay on campus. They don't have cafeterias and gyms. That's something I am going to miss," added Sandberg.



Photo Credit: Chantell Copeland

Sandberg is originally from Sweden.

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## The Scariest Showcase!



Courtesy: Google

BY ANASTASIA WILLIAMS  
Managing Editor

WTST the Blaze will host Scarecase, a Halloween production. Everyone is invited. Students will be working on the stage and behind the curtains. This is an event you don't want to miss. Auditions for the play were held last week and some top talent was

selected, promising to bring you a great show. Tickets will be on sale soon. The Scarecase will be held at 7 p.m., Oct. 29 in Kean Hall.

The Blaze is looking for people to volunteer and serve as stage assistants. For more information or to volunteer, go to the radio station in the Performing Arts Center, room 201.

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# Metro PD on Campus: Permission Needed

BY KARYN JOHNSON  
Staff Reporter

When crime happens on Tennessee State University's campus, if students call 9-1-1, emergency crews won't respond. That's because Metro police have to have the permission of campus police to step foot on the grounds.

"They already know our training. They have a lot of the same training we have," said Terrence Graves, commander of the North Precinct. Most TSU officers were first trained as Metro officers before

working on campus, including TSU's chief of police who is the former commander of the North Precinct. According to current law, TSU police have full jurisdiction on campus, as do all college campus with a police department such as Vanderbilt University, Belmont University and Fisk University. That means, they are responsible for responding to and handling all crimes on campus, whether it be a rock through a dorm window or a violent attack. The only way Metro police can respond to or investigate a crime, is if TSU

police give them permission. Each school has authority to make the call to allow Metro to gain access to campus or not. Metro says this the first school year in which TSU has told Metro that campus police serve as first responders instead of Metro.

"It's their campus. Whatever happens on campus, TSU police takes care of that," added Graves. "If a call is put in to [Metro], dispatch sends a car. The supervisor monitoring the radio is going to send that to TSU police. That is what they get paid to do. We're not about

doing their job when they get paid to do it. It's out of respect." Though Metro can't work TSU incidents without campus police giving them permission, there are times when the two forces work together. At times, campus police may need help putting together a suspect lineup, or will need to work with a Metro detective on an investigation. Metro police say they are more than happy to step in when needed. Metro keeps guard on the border.

While TSU has total jurisdiction on campus, Metro is still responsible for the perimeter of the school. Despite the homecoming shootings, North Precinct has not changed its patrol regimen or made any adjustments. Graves said they will continue to keep up their patrols in the area, particularly on Ed Temple Boulevard between Clarksville Highway and campus, where they often have a patrol car set up watching for speeders and those violating traffic laws. It's the area some call a speed trap. Graves said officers from North Precinct do not do speed traps. They set up to catch those

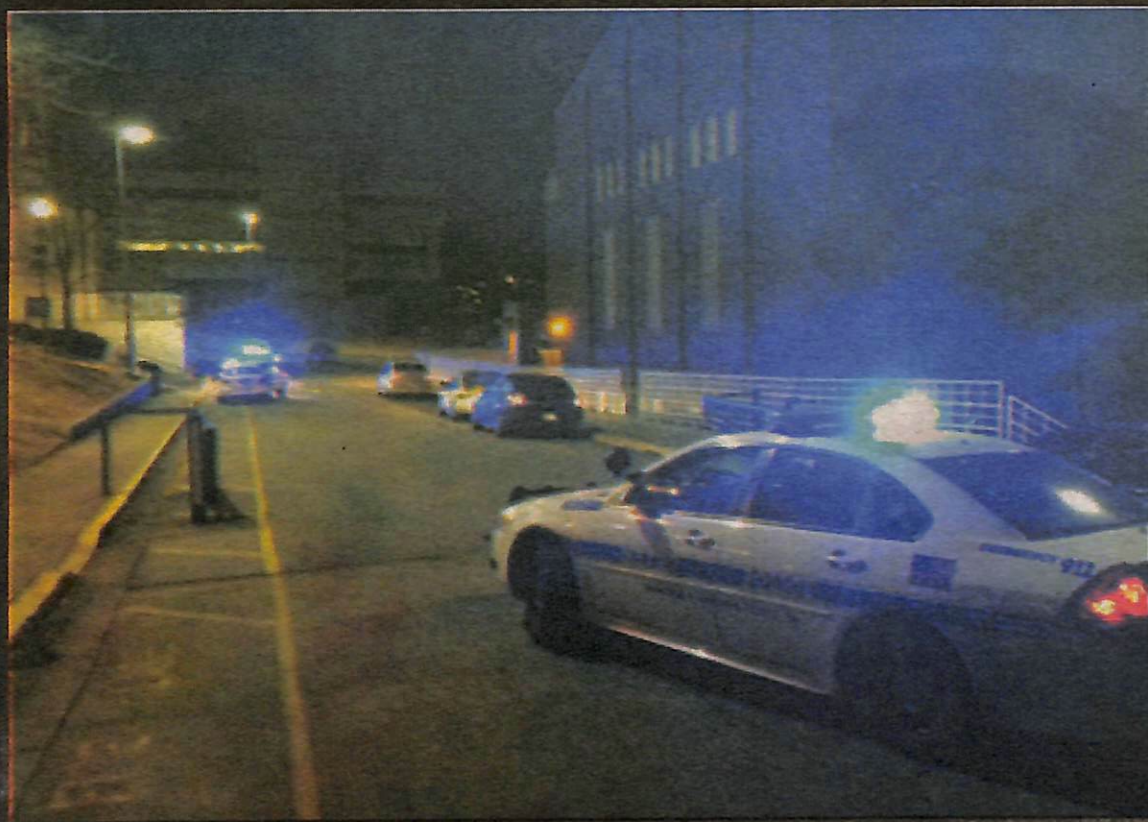
who are up to no good in the area where students live.

"Students typically don't cause problems. They're students. We don't do traps. We do heavy enforcement no matter where it is. You will see more of a police presence in areas where we have more crimes," added Graves.

Writing tickets for those violating the law is not only a tactic police use to cut crime in the area, but serves as a fundraiser.

"Money from tickets in Nashville goes to the general fund for the city. In North Precinct, about 88 percent of everybody that gets pulled over gets a warning. So if it were a money issue, we would probably write 88 percent more tickets," Graves said.

North Precinct has more shootings than any other precinct and officers are placed in areas where those shootings occur to be seen and to make contact with people. Graves said his unit tries to detect and deter crime in the North Precinct area to make it safe for all. He says they are also open to being of assistance to Tennessee State University whenever needed.



Courtesy, WKRN

Metro police worked alongside TSU police last spring when responding to a shooting outside of the Floyd Payne Center.



# TSU PD Promises to Improve



Courtesy: WSMV

One victim, a mass communications major at TSU, was robbed between Boyd Hall and Watson Hall (shown above).

BY CHANTELL COPELAND  
Social Media Editor

Two shootings and an armed robbery during the university's homecoming has left Tennessee State's police department beefing up its presence and rules. Sophomore Brandon Morton was attacked at gunpoint coming out of the Performing Arts building at 10:30 p.m. September 26. The mass communications major and WTST radio personality, was finishing up a show when three men walked up on him, put a gun to his head and demanded his money. He says the attack has completely changed his life.

"I will no longer stay on campus past 6 o'clock in the evening because there is not enough security to make me feel comfortable," said Morton. "Something has to be done so the students are safe, and will feel safe." Morton isn't the only student who feels that way.

"What happened to Brandon makes me want to be more precautionous about what time I

leave the radio station," said freshman mass communications student Edmond Reddick. "Most nights I'm here working until midnight, and I know security is lacking around here. They're too lenient and need to be patrolling more instead of sitting in one spot."

Campus police say they're going back to the drawing board when it comes to campus safety, particularly during homecoming.

"As far as homecoming is concerned, we probably could've done a little more as for checking who was coming on this campus. Next year we will have to work on our approach, but we're doing and will continue to do the best we can do," said Sgt. Henry Perry.

A rash of campus vandalism and a shooting outside of the Floyd Payne Center last spring sparked new security measures, including hiring 13 new officers. That brings the total number of campus police to 23. They were tasked with doing more patrols and keeping people off campus who are not students, staff or faculty. Despite the department's new batch of officers, Perry, who serves as

interim section commander for TSU, said the police department is still understaffed.

"We are still short of personnel. As fast as we get them hired, other places take them away. They're gone because of the pay. I guess they get better pay, so they come and go, leaving us to have to start the hiring process over."

But Detective Samuel Branch of the criminal investigation unit for TSU says he doesn't think the violence happening on campus is because of the lack of officers. He said the crime would decrease if the TSU community would start to work together.

"I don't care how many police you have working in a university system, part of the responsibility of safety is not just ours, but it's [the students]," said Branch. "If people see something out of the ordinary going on they should report it." The actual crime isn't the only problem he says campus police deal with. He says students knowing who might be involved but not saying anything to police hurts the investigation.

"One of our big problems as a university

is everybody has this mentality of not being a snitch. It's not about being a snitch. It's about being a part of the environment where we can assist other people that are here for the same reasons," added Branch.

Perry adds that it's going to take more than just the police department and the students to make the campus safer.

"Well, it's going to have to be more than us to help enforce policies. Administration is going to have to step up and set rules in place. Once we see that rules aren't being followed, then we can hand out consequences," said Perry.

One rule that remains a challenge to enforce is wearing school IDs. The rule was put in place last year, but this year,

Perry says the rule will be strictly enforced.

"From now on at any event everybody has to have on identification. Everything we have on this campus at this point whether they wear them or not, if we have an event here they're not going to get in if they don't have on identification," said Perry.

This ID rule also applies to the campus shuttles. Students who don't share their ID will not be able to ride.

As part of their efforts to remain open and connected to students, Branch and Perry said they are always on campus and willing to answer any questions or concerns. To get additional information from the TSU-PD contact them at 615-963-5171.

## Students React to Campus Crime

ANTONETTE LOVETT  
Staff Reporter

"I feel like when it's something extreme, they should involve the Metro police. Some are actual police officers on campus but some aren't and I don't feel like they take crimes seriously on campus."

-Jasmine  
Chicago,  
Senior

Short,  
Illinois,

"I believe that we need more security on campus anyway despite Homecoming because obviously the protocols that TSU campus police are following are not working."

-Delveedra Davis,  
Memphis, Tennessee,  
Sophomore

"I did notice that the number of police increased during Homecoming and were seen on campus during the day, but Metro still should have been on campus with the multiple crime incidents. They really need to step it up because we don't really have strict security but as a student you don't want strict. You just want to be safe."

-Cody Hamilton,  
Columbia, Tennessee  
Junior

"I see the TSU police officers but not enough of them. They really should include Metro for a stricter and safer environment."

-Nawaf Aldosari,  
Saudi Arabia,  
Freshman



# Crime Map of Tennessee State University



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|---------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| ● Assault                       | ☆ Robbery/Theft | ● Vehicular Theft |
| ● Forcible Sexual Assault       | ☆ Burglary      | ☆ Intimidation    |
| September 2013 - September 2014 |                 | ● Vandalism       |



# TSU Student Wanted for Robberies

BY ANASTASIA WILLIAMS  
Managing Editor



COURTESY: METRO NASHVILLE  
POLICE

Cameron Morton, 19 (pictured above) is wanted for two armed robberies and an attempted robbery of Nashville convenience stores.

Police say a Tennessee State University student is behind a string of armed robberies in Nashville.

Cameron Morton, 19, allegedly used a gun to rob two convenience stores: Daily's Shell, 2112 Charlotte Avenue and Mapco, 2101 Murfreesboro Pike. Police say he tried to rob the Kwik Sak at 2804 West End Avenue.

Police searched Morton's Boyd Hall dorm room on Friday, Oct. 10. The Memphis native wasn't there at the time. Arrest warrants have been issued for him, charging him with aggravated robbery, one count

of attempted aggravated robbery and one count of aggravated assault. More charges are pending.

Police are also looking for

the man they say kept a lookout for Morton during the robberies.

There is a cash reward for information. Anyone who knows where to

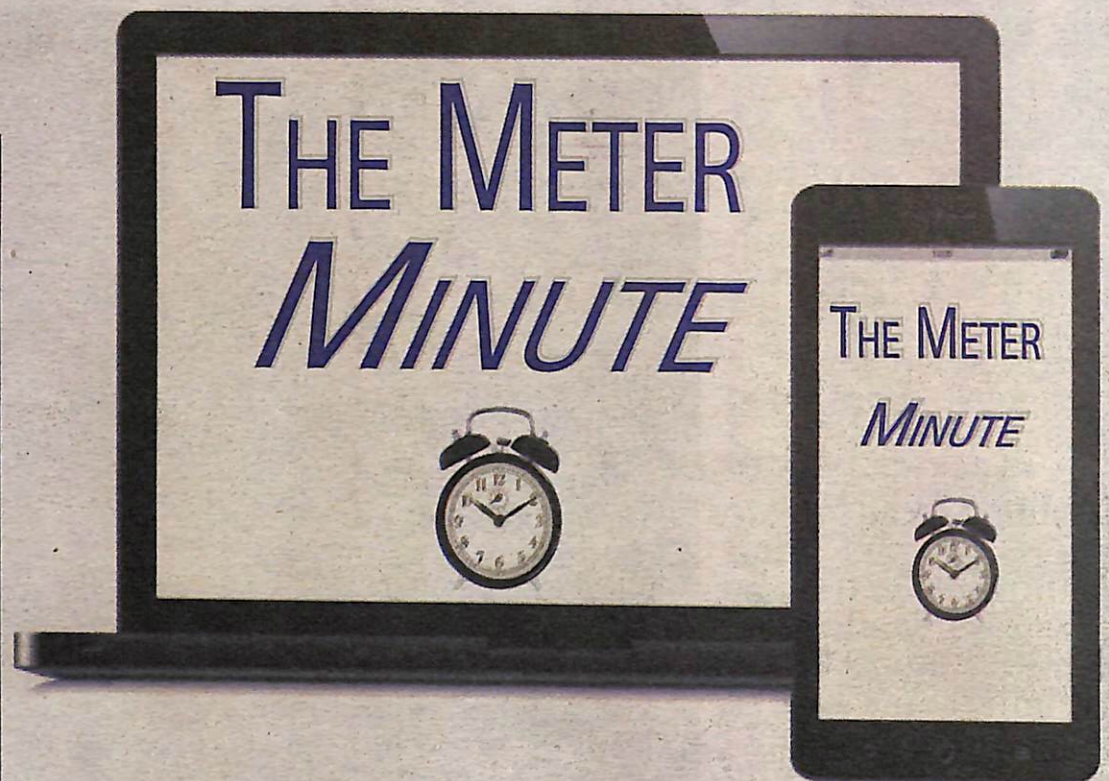
find Morton is asked to call Crime Stoppers at 615-742-7463 or text the word 'CASH' and your message to 274637 (CRIMES).



COURTESY: METRO NASHVILLE POLICE

Police say this unidentified man shown above is Cameron Morton's lookout during robberies.

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# SGA Pushes to Raise Freshman Retention

BY MELODY SCALES  
Staff Reporter

The freshman retention rate has dipped in recent years at Tennessee State University, and to help reverse that, the Student Government Association's freshmen delegation pulled out all the stops. They hosted Freshmen Awareness Week the Retention Edition. It was held Oct. 6 - Oct. 11. Starting off with a "Beat the Rate" program, the week helped raise the awareness of the steadily falling retention rate in freshmen.

"Freshmen Retention Week is really based off of our freshmen retention rate which is at 40 percent right now, so it's a very big number especially because we are the biggest freshmen class.

We have 1,549 students, so if we were to get that retention rate up then we would have more money for scholarships and to build more dorms," says Khiala Tyson, freshman class president.

Tyson blames low numbers of scholarships offered to students as a reason why freshman retention is low. She also believes that freshman not being involved in

organizations is to blame.

She added, if people were to make more connections and get to know the staff then they can establish connections and make themselves known when the school gives out scholarships.

The problem with retention has been an issue for the last few years and has been on the administration's radar.

"I think the retention rate for freshmen is sad because people come here expecting to party and don't really go to class, and all you have to do is go to class and you'll pass," says freshmen student Kamau As-salalm.

Others say it has more to do with the school rather than the freshmen class itself.

"There is a lot of disorganization that is going on with the campus. There has to be a lot of things that need to be organized better with the staff and faculty. Small things like the rooms.

I understand that we are freshmen but we should get nicer rooms than we do. For instance, the air vents are really dirty and could possibly get you sick. I feel like those should probably be clean. Me personally, I like the campus and I probably will be coming back," freshmen student Richard Stark commented.

However, the campus may not be the sole blame for the low college retention rate.

"It's common in America for students to just not come back. It probably has a lot to do with the high schools and urban areas that they come from by them not receiving the correct education to make it in college because once they get here it's a whole new place," says sophomore student Xavier Johnson.

Despite declining freshman retention numbers, one new student says everything is good with him and he plans to come back.

"It doesn't really pertain to

me. I mean, yeah, it is 40 percent but I know for a fact that I will be in that 40 percent. I'm not going to go into something that has all this great help and opportunities.

I mean you're right downtown from Music City. I'm not going to be that 60 percent that won't come back," says Jayson Bates.



SGA discusses the Book Bundling System with the Tennessee Board of Regents. The system was designed to specifically help the freshman class

Courtesy: TSU Media Relations



## August Alsina to Perform in Nashville



Courtesy: Google

BY MIRANDA BROWN  
Staff Reporter

The wait is over for all of you August Alsina fans. The singer, songwriter and rapper wasn't able to appear at Tennessee State University's homecoming concert, September 25 due to health conditions. He was also supposed to stand alongside singer Usher on Tour. Although Alsina will not be returning to the University, he will be in Nashville on October 23 at Limelight Event Center. For tickets, go to [www.wearethelist.com](http://www.wearethelist.com)

## Abortions: Doctor's Choice, Not Yours?



health is in danger. So, even if a woman is rape or molested and becomes pregnant, she cannot opt to terminate the pregnancy.

Basically, lawmakers are going to put the health of a woman in the hands of politicians. No more abortion, no more birth control, no nothing.

Please TSU, get out there and vote November 4. As for the women, vote like your life depends on it. For more information, visit [www.feminist.org](http://www.feminist.org)



Courtesy: Google

At this time, women have the right to make their own decisions. We can get birth control if we decide to not have children, and we can get an abortion if we're raped. Apparently the government doesn't think this is a good idea.

November 4, Election Day, you'll be asked to vote yes or no on Amendment 1. The Amendment says abortions will no longer be allowed unless a doctor believes her

## New Campus Computers Installed, More to Come

BY DEVIN SANGSTER  
Staff Reporter

The new school year means new technology at Tennessee State University. More than 500 new computers have been added on the main and downtown campuses, including campus dorms.

These new top of the line computers were added about two weeks prior to the start of the fall semester. The new computers serve as a part of the administration's three-part upgrade project that includes new computers and improved Wi-Fi service.

The changes have quickly become a big hit with students. and quite simply, they couldn't get their work done".

"I am enjoying the new computers and with the larger screen, I have no reason to lean into the screen," says Deahna Moore a 21-year-old accounting major.

With the new additions, students can use the new touch screen Lenovo computers along with nearly 100 iMacs.

"We saw the computers that the students used to use," says Randy Patterson manager for the IT department.

"They were antique. They were slow and they had very few applications on them. Students would take forever to log on

As far as whose paying for the new computers, look no further than your own tuition bill.

The technology fee student's pay is used to help acquire and upgrade the computers. Although the new addition of computers comes at a great time for students, not all are entirely thrilled about them.

"I think the new computers are nice and were needed however, I think the money would've been better spent in the residence halls," says Alexis Fleming a 20-year-old healthcare administration and planning major.



Courtesy: Google

Some of the next rounds of improvement won't take place until next semester.

The next phase will bring with it more

computers across the campus buildings and continuous updates of the Wi-Fi servers.



## New Ministry On Campus



Courtesy: Google

**BY RICKI SMITH**  
Staff Reporter

Tennessee State University is home to a new ministry for students looking for a new place to worship. True Redemption Campus Ministry opened its doors in August for students to attend. The ministry, founded by doctors Kita and Russell Williams, is located at 2715 Clarksville Hwy. Both Dr. Kita Williams and Dr. Russell Williams are graduates of Tennessee State University. They say True Redemption is an organization created with ministry in mind for

college students by college students. It is affiliated with True Way Church, also located at 2715 Clarksville Hwy. True Redemption started in 2004 as part of a collaborative effort with Tarish Blue, an engineering major at the time. Dr. Kita Williams and Blue say they established the ministry to encourage students. The ministry fell flat after the ladies graduated, but Williams says she's bringing it back to life.

"Now that my husband and I have relocated to Nashville, we want to revive True Redemption Campus Ministry on the college campuses of Tennessee State University, Fisk University,

Meharry Medical College, Vanderbilt University, Middle Tennessee University, David Lipscomb University, Belmont University," said Williams.

Rides to and from church service will be provided. Pick-up is at 9:45 a.m. on Sundays,

outside of Kean Hall, in front of the airplane.

Dinner will be served to students after each Sunday service. They'll be served in to-go boxes so students can take the food back to campus.

"(With Sunday dinner) students will be rejuvenated, revived, and refreshed for the week," added Williams.

There are no requirements to be a part of the ministry. Soon, fliers will be posted around campus, advertising their on-campus functions such as, "Keep it Real Sessions" where students are invited to talk about real life, real issues and real solutions that affect college students. KiMarcus Thomas,

a junior mass communications major, said he's looking forward to it.

"I believe both students and the surrounding community will attend because I believe the sessions will create an environment where students feel comfortable enough to express themselves freely. It will not only benefit them but provide them with an extended support system," said Thomas.

Events held on campus will be catered by local restaurants in Nashville.

"I hope to see a positive outlet established for young women since I am a part of a Christian organization on campus that caters to women. It will be nice to see a church dedicated to empowering the lives of African-American women like myself," said Ashley Palmer, a junior mass communications major.

"We are interested in helping students, particularly because we have been in their shoes. As a campus ministry, we decided to give back to the college campus in efforts to encourage young people to continue to focus on their goals and dreams, be a force on the campus to let them know things will get better if you are going through a struggle and that they are not alone," said Williams.

Williams said they are looking for students on campus to operate in some of the leadership roles within their ministry. For more information, call 615-244-6725.

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## Food Review: The Pharmacy Burger

BY ADRIANNE WALKER  
Food Editor

The Pharmacy Burger Parlor & Beer Garden believes in serving the best products at the best value. They use 100 percent Tennessee-raised beef for their legendary burgers and 100 percent pure cane sugar in their sodas.

"We use as much local ingredients as possible. Our beef is from a regional supplier who grass feeds the beef. Our sausages are made in house.

We stick to a solid idea for the restaurant as far as the environment," said Mandy Allen, the assis-

tant manager. The Pharmacy is located in East Nashville giving it a community vibe.

A small place which is popular among college students with an impressive beer garden that may be bigger than the building. They were voted Nashville's #1 Burger in 2013 and Best New Restaurant in 2012.

They also take pride in grinding, stuffing, and smoking every sausage they serve. All the condiments are house made and the beer and soda selection can't be found anywhere else.

I tried the classic turkey Pharmacy burger with sweet potato fries and I must say it was the best turkey

burger I have ever had. A Middle Tennessee State University student from Nashville said her favorite burger is the black bean burger because she is a vegetarian and it tastes much better than it sounds, especially when you load it up with toppings.

My server Emily said her favorite burger is the Stroganoff burger.

"It's got a mushroom cream sauce on it. It's really good. Then it has caramelized onions, swiss cheese and sour cream.

It's basically like a mushroom swiss burger. It's perfect." The overall customer favorite burger is the Farm burger says



Photo Credit: Adrienne Walker

Emily, it's signature is a fried egg, which is accompanied by country ham, bacon and maple mustard.

This explains why students are traveling further away from campus just for a burger.

## Behind the Style with Tyra: Fall Fashion



**Tyra Laster**  
FASHION  
EDITOR

The month of October is here, and fall fashion is making its way to stores and closets. There

are multiple ways a person can create their own sense of style without breaking their bank account. The fall weather ranges from low 60s to high 80s. So, the weather is windy, yet the sun still shines making way for warm attire with a little skin.

College students are limited on two things: money and time. Therefore, when choosing fall fashion, many college students want

attire that is affordable and doesn't take much time to find and put on. When it comes to the various pieces of fall fashion, selections can range from hats, boots, blazers, socks, and the versatile scarf collections.

Fall fashion can be simple with just a colorful scarf as your main piece and a plain top, jeans and a cardigan. With being in college, a student could also find the simplicity in just wearing a colorful blazer to accentuate a simple top and bottoms with a pair of boots to match.

"I really enjoy wearing the cardigans, warm infinity scarves, and boots when the fall season comes around," explains sophomore, Shaylyn Rice. Women and men fall fashion have more comparisons than differences. Both women's and men's fall fashion clothing range from a blazer, pair of boots, a hat, and colorful socks.

It is not hard to mix-and-match fall clothing into a nice outfit. Companies such as Elle,

Glamour, Teen Vogue and Pinterest have tips and images that show what type of creations of fall clothing a person can wear.

With the change in season, there are sales going on in area stores. H&M clothing store is having a mid-season sale up to 60 percent off on a thousand styles from knitted sweaters to two for \$10 tanks. Also, Target is launching Pixi by Petra Collection for fall 2014 which has fall fashion for reasonable prices.

"I love the different color schemes that come out in stores and the different boot styles in men's dress," said Aaron Walker, a senior at TSU.

When looking at fall fashion, college students want to know how they can have their own style in fall attire, but still are able to switch it up without buying too much? A big part of fall fashion is about how you put together something simple and make it work.

A person can purchase the major items such as a colorful scarf, colorful

blazer, tick socks, and a nice pair of boots. Then pair that with a simple black or white top along with plain jeans or leggings in your closet. Switch up the major pieces and keep the simple pieces and a college student will now have a week full of fall outfits.

Pinterest.com has a lot of ideas and suggestions when it comes to fall fashion for men and women who would like to look nice but not spend as much as possible, which is the challenge for most college students. Fall fashion can be an inexpensive and fun.

With fall being right around the corner and college students trying to find clothing that is nice but affordable, remember that fall is all about color and simplicity just like the weather, and if all else fails, remember what Ralph Lauren once said at his fall runway show in 2008, "fashion is not necessarily about labels. It's not about brands. It's about something else that comes within you."



Courtesy: Google



# Students Release Album, Launch Careers

BY MIRANDA BROWN  
Staff Reporter

Music from current and former Tennessee State University students will soon hit store shelves. The artist compiled their individual songs on the album "Music 101: In Session." Cameron Walls, a senior and mass communications major, is the mastermind behind this project that has been four months in the making. Daniel Miree, a TSU graduate, is also behind this project.

This all started last spring with an informational meeting. Two weeks later the project was underway. "We felt that TSU students had an incredible potential and needed an outlet to have an opportunity to gain recording experience while getting to produce a quality product for use," says Walls.

He says because Nashville is the Country Music Capital, he wanted to expand the exposure and musical heritage from TSU and felt that TSU should be at the forefront of the movement. He said he has high hopes for this album.

"We hope this project will help launch a bridge between the music and mass communications

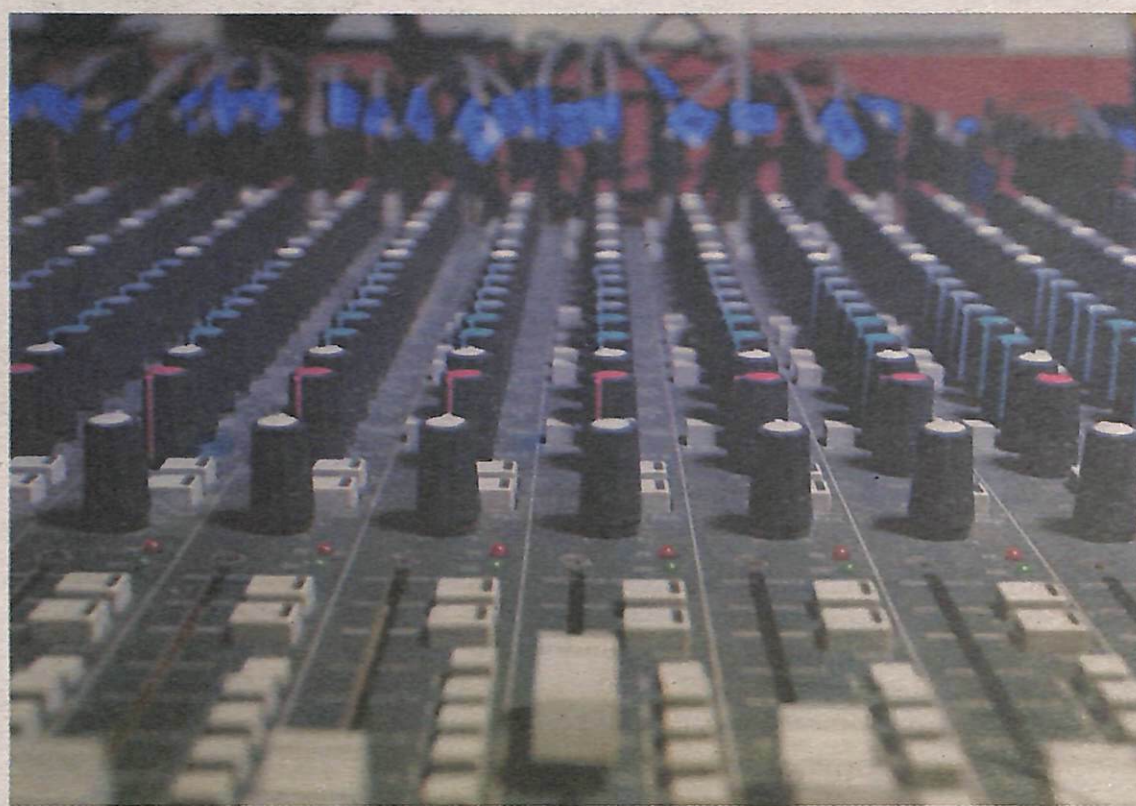
department and help launch a strong musical presence from TSU," added Walls.

The album, which is mostly R&B and Hip Hop, was recorded live by the artists in the Rite Society Group Studio. All songs on the album are originally written or co-written by the performing artists which includes Aliah Aiken, Jazmine Ghent, Wille', Kala Ross, Bryson Harvey II, Rizson, Nick Wilder and Kierston Moorner.

While the TSU students aren't big names just yet, well known vocal producers such as Kim Mont, Darius Mines and "Uncle Mike" put their special touch on the project. Horn players Fred Weathersby and Stefon Forbus, both based in Nashville, also made contributions.

The album was released mid-July after meeting every Monday from the end of May to July. It came at no cost for the students, due to this project being part of a launch for a potential record label. The first listening party was September 16.

They have high hopes for the album and say they hope this project gives them a jump start towards professional artistry with a quality single to gain momentum, which is exactly what Moorner anticipates is to come from working on this



Courtesy: Google

album.

"I hope to gain exposure from the album as an artist and hopefully a chance for my song to be played on the radio or sold in stores."

Moorner was introduced to music at 4 years old. Since then, she says music has impacted her life tremendously by not only being a stress reliever, but her diary as well. She says growing up playing the piano in church and in front of live audiences at MGM Studios at Disney World allowed her to grow.

"I wanted to become a part of this project because I rarely get a chance to perform or sing, therefore it was a way to show my creative side," says Moorner.

Taking the time to work on this album has

allowed her to grow as an artist and learn the process and skills she needs to be successful. "I try my hardest to balance school and my music life by staying organized and not getting behind in class," added Moorner who plans to receive her MBA after leaving TSU with a degree in computer science. Her ultimate goal is to blossom musically in hopes of being signed as a gospel or Neo Soul artist.

Wilder, another talent on the album and Neo Soul artist, is a little new to the process but has been started with new music about six months ago. He says his music comes from life experiences, which gives his lyrics more meaning.

This compilation album isn't the last stage for this group.

They are currently working on a showcase and skate party. The album is set to be in shelves sometime in November, but will be released digitally through an online distribution.

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## Basketball Season is Right Around the Corner

BY JAVION SIMMONS  
Sports Editor

Tennessee State University's Men's basketball program has a storied history. The 2013-14 season, however, is one TSU fans would like to forget. The TSU Tigers went 5-25 on the season and only won four games in the OVC conference. After a tumultuous season, the TSU athletic department decided it was time for a change as former head coach Travis Williams was relieved of his duties. The Tigers also lost leading scorer, Patrick Miller, after Miller graduated and declared for the NBA draft.

With the reset button pushed, on April 21st, 2014, Dana Ford was hired as TSU's new head coach and with coach Ford, a lot of difficult changes had to be made. As the new head coach, Ford had the right to release all of the current players from their scholarships and bring in his own players,

and that's just what he did. Former TSU basketball player Alex Bates, one of the players released from his scholarship after two years with the team says that anywhere between five and seven players were released, while the others chose to play elsewhere. "When I first found out, I was disappointed. But after awhile,

I realized Coach Ford had the right and that I had to just move on," says Bates. The 6-9 forward says he wouldn't change his TSU experience. "It was a good experience playing at an HBCU and I made a good connection with my teammates." Despite the many obstacles that were in the way, the TSU Tigers are looking to move forward this season with a brand new head coach and a revamped roster. Coach Ford brings many recruits with him, including freshmen Chima Azuonwu and Christian Mekowulu, both from Nigeria.

The excitement for this season is spreading



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from the locker room, to the campus, as some students can hardly wait to see their TSU Tigers take the court. Student Kenneth Jones thinks that the Tigers will fare much better than they did last season.

"I feel as though, with a new roster and coaching staff, the basketball team can compete again in the conference." The Tigers will

certainly need to do just that to have a successful season, as they only went 4-12 in the OVC conference last season.

They will also have to improve on the road to be successful, as they went a combined 2-12 in away games last season. TSU student Darrien Walsh also is optimistic about the upcoming season. "I think the basketball team

will be ok this year. With a new coach, we just finally get a fresh start and a chance to compete. I'm very excited," says Walsh. With excitement and buzz in the air, TSU is getting more and more excited as the time for the TSU Tiger basketball team to take the floor draws near. The Tigers will open the season against Reinhardt on November 14 at the Gentry Center.

## New Coach is Ready to Hit the Court

BY TODD DEAN  
Staff Reporter

Tennessee State's men's basketball restructured its coaching staff this summer, adding new head coach Dana Ford, two new assistant coaches, Randy Peele and Pierre Jordan and also a new mindset to take with them on and off

the court.

TSU announced in April that Ford would be hired as the men's head basketball coach.

Ford is no stranger to Tennessee State University. He was an assistant coach under former TSU head coach John Cooper from 2009-2011. During the time Ford was on the Tigers staff, they earned a com-

bined record of 33-39.

He also was influential in recruiting Robert Covington and Kellen Thornton; both have gone on to play professional basketball. Ford spent the 2011-2012 season as the assistant coach for Wichita State University under head coach Gregg Marshall.

The Shockers went on to the NCAA tournament that year with a 27-6 record they earned the Missouri Valley Conference regular-season championship and were ranked 18th according to the final Associated Press ranking. Ford returned to his alma mater (2012-2014), Illinois State University as assistant coach alongside Dan Muller. In his two seasons at ISU, he helped the Redbirds to a 36-31 record.

Now, he's back at Tennessee State with a chance to turn the program around after a disappointing 5-25 season under former head

coach Travis Williams. Coach Ford doesn't guarantee a certain playing style but says, "In regards to playing style, the only thing I can definitely promise is that we're going to defend with our hair on fire and we're going to rebound like mad men".

"Coach Ford is a intense and hungry man, he plans to instill this in his players. He's changing the mindset of Tennessee State basketball; it starts at practice, carries over to campus, the classroom, and definitely in how we play" says assistant coach Rodney Hamilton.

Peele and Jordan will assist Ford in turning the TSU men basketball program around. Peele brings 29 years of coaching experience to the team and a winner's mentality. He led three teams to the NCAA tournament and won two conference tournaments at Winthrop University. Peele's experience will be key for the Tigers this season, due to

having six freshmen that will have to play this year.

Although Jordan may not have the experience Peele has, he was endorsed highly by many in the basketball circuit. Jordan played collegiate basketball in the Atlantic Coastal Conference for Florida State University; he graduated in three years and then went to play two more seasons at Georgia Tech. Jordan and Peele work together last season at Georgia Southern University. Peele was the assistant coach, while Jordan served as the director of operations for the Eagles.

The changes have been made, now it is time to go to work. The Tigers with a whole new roster and coaching staff excluding coach Hamilton are looking forward to new season with a new mindset. They will open up the season at 7pm, November 14 against Reinhardt University, in the Gentry Center.



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# Greetings! From your SGA President



**Markeil  
Lewis**  
SGA  
PRESIDENT

**H**ello, my name is Markeil Lewis and I am a senior psychology major from Lafayette, La. Welcome students, faculty, staff and alumni to a new year at Tennessee State University!

This year I have the distinct honor of serving as the Student Government Association President of the 74th Administration for the 2014-2015 academic school year. For this year, I plan on putting my platform that I ran under into effect through awareness initiatives, educational events and social programs. My platform is through a parallel of Major League Baseball with "Taking Tennessee State University to the Big Leagues By Covering all of the Bases".

Uniquely, each base represents a pillar in reaching this

goal through the following touch points: First Base Academics, Second Base Tiger Pride, Third Base Service and then finally graduation. With this blueprint, students will understand that academics come first, as we are at a higher level of learning. Once academics are covered, then we must support all of our tigers in every aspect of competition, showing that win or lose, we will always bleed blue. After academics and in-house support is complete, we must take our efforts to not only the Greater Nashville Community but the world. We must prove that we can not only compete on a global stage but we can give back as well.

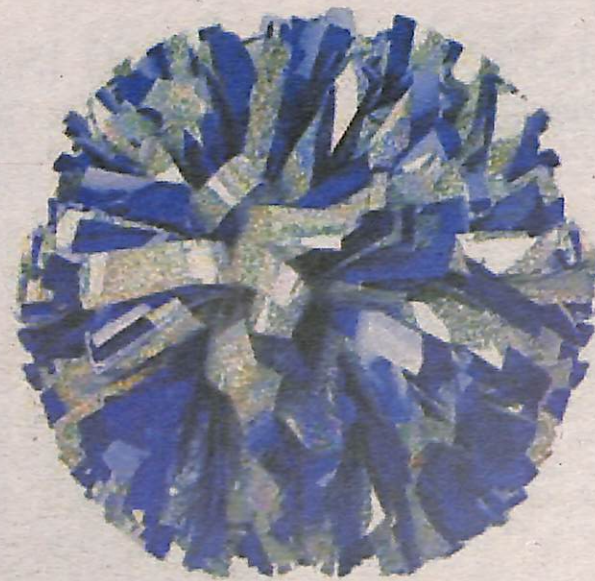
To conclude, the most important factor that completes this blueprint of matriculation through this illustrious university is graduation. No matter how great you are in the classroom, supporting others and/or giving back to our university is essential.

Being that the Land of Golden Sunshine is home to

many different tigers where no one tiger looks the same or has the same resources, we must understand how imperative it is to build each other up.

Which brings me to the final statement, "It's great to get a home run and cover the bases to graduate, but excellence is achieved when you complete a grand slam and enrich other Tiger's experience in efforts of aiding them to the final base of graduation."

On behalf of the Student Union Board Of Governors (SUBG), Student Election Commission (SEC) and The House Of Delegates (HOD) we thank you all for the opportunity to serve each and every tiger while "Taking Tennessee State University to the Big Leagues." Please feel free to join us during our meeting at 6p.m. on Tuesdays in the LRC in the Honors conference room, first floor. Also, feel free to post comments or concerns on our ASK. SGA on instagram.



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**Thursday**  
**10/16/14**

HI: 72°F  
LO: 47°F



**Friday**  
**10/17/14**

HI: 72°F  
LO: 51°F



**Saturday**  
**10/18/15**

HI: 72°F  
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